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- A new line has been employed in Burma Communist Party (BCP) propaganda in several places in Lower Burma. At organized meetings, addressed by White Flag leaders including Thakin ZIN, audiences have been urged to form Village Defense Units and train themselves in guerrilla warfare in readiless for the forthcoming Anglo-American invasion of Burma, the pretext for which is the defense of Burma from Chinese aggression. ** At the conclusion of one of these meetings attended by 500 villagers under compulsion some selected village elders were taken away for training.
- BCP propaganda in Minbu, Tharawaddy, and Toungoo districts employs the story that Chinese Communists have already invaded Burma and occupied a large area of the Northern Shan States and that the BCP is receiving assistance from these forces. ****

Corment. Thakin ZIN has for a considerable time been one of 25X1X the leaders of the Lower Burma BCP. Recent reports have referred to hir as now being a member of the BCP Politbure; he is believed to have been promoted to this rank when the BCP Central Committee decided in September 1949, to increase the size of the Politburo to five mem-

25X1X Comment. The fear of "imperialist" reoccupation of Burma is one to which the average nationalist Burmese is likely to respond, and this story is obviously designed to give a fillip to the BCP restruiting campaign for their armed forces.

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